

Frank Talk Explodes Ugly Rumors

Chamber of Commerce Emphatically Endorses Actions of Civic Convention Committee—New By-Laws Adopted.

By unanimous vote the chamber of commerce, at its meeting Thursday afternoon, endorsed fully the work of the civic convention committee, and particularly the arrangement which had been made by the committee with Director General E. R. Bevins by which he had been paid \$500 for his services in connection with the big affair. President F. F. Baldwin, who had been chairman of the convention committee, brought the matter up. He stated that he did so on account of various malicious rumors which had gained circulation in regard to this matter. He read from the minutes of the committee the record by which the committee, early last July, had voted unanimously to employ a director for handling the heavy work of arranging for the convention, and to pay him \$500 for two and a half months of very difficult and trying work. The committee had estimated that at least \$100 of this amount would be used up by the director in automobile tires and upkeep, so that the net pay for the work would not be at all expensive. The rumors that there had been something underhanded or crooked on either Mr. Bevins' or the committee's part, Mr. Baldwin felt should be exploded very effectually.

The matter was discussed at length by various members, in which it was brought out that the rumors in question had doubtless started from the fact that the arrangement with the director general had not become known until some time after the convention, and then in an indirect way. There was no disposition apparent on the part of any of the forty or more members present, to criticize the committee, and it was apparent that the result of the discussion had been to very thoroughly clear the atmosphere. D. H. Case moved that the chamber vote its full endorsement of the action of the committee, and this being heartily seconded, passed unanimously.

New By-Laws Adopted.

The chamber considered by sections the draft of the new by-laws recently drafted by a special committee, and with a few minor exceptions adopted them as read.

D. T. Fleming and W. A. Clark were elected to membership in the chamber. Letters from A. A. Young of the Young and Moana Hotels, offering Maui space in the hotels for a representative of the outside islands, was received, but no action taken. A similar offer was received from the promotion committee for use of its headquarters. The promotion committee also asked that a member of the chamber be named to act as representative of the promotion committee for Maui. This request was approved and such representative will be named later.

The committee on auto rates and hotel rates, asked for further time, which was granted.

A letter was received from the Hilo Board of Trade suggesting that \$500 per month should be provided for maintaining a representative from Maui and Hawaii in Honolulu, and the matter was referred to a committee. It was suggested that "if Maui be only asked to pay in proportion to the number of tourists that stop here, the cost will probably amount to but a dollar or two per month."

JAPANESE CRUISERS OFF MAUI.

Two large Japanese cruisers have been lying off the lee side of this island several days this week, together with a collier from which they were replenishing their bunkers. This is the second time that war vessels have been in these waters within the past few weeks and it seems quite evident that a sharp lookout is being kept by them for the little German cruiser Dresden, which escaped after the Falkland Island fight in December, but which has not been definitely located since.

Kula Farmers Make Vigorous Protest

Pass Resolutions Against Action of House Committee in Cutting Off One of the Accepted Functions of Marketing Division.

As reported in last week's Maui News, the Kula Farmers' Cooperative Association is much exercised over the interference of the House committee on agriculture in forbidding the Territorial Marketing Division to make purchases of supplies for it. As a result, the Association held a meeting last Sunday and adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, we have learned of the action of the House committee on agriculture in stopping the Territorial Marketing Division from buying supplies for our association, and

"Whereas, we feel that the buying of supplies for us is an entirely proper function of the Division, and one of great service to the homesteader; be it

"Resolved, that we approve the action of our secretary in protesting as he did to the committee; and be it further

"Resolved, that we, as an association of small farmers, do hereby protest against this interference with one of the most helpful features of the Division's work; and be it further

"Resolved, that we call upon all farmers and their associations to communicate with the governor and the members of the legislature and urge the reversal of this action; and that the Division be specifically authorized to buy supplies for shippers of produce and their associations."

Examination Next Week

Next week will be examination week in the public schools of the Territory. The examinations will be for the pupils in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and will begin on Wednesday, March 24. The work will not be completed in all the grades until the 30th. The examinations will be conducted in the same manner as they were last fall. It is expected that the results will be known before the beginning of the ten-day Easter vacation next month.

MAUI YOUNG COUPLE TO WED ON COAST.

The marriage of Miss Grace Gilmore to Mr. C. T. Bailey, has been announced informally, to occur on the Coast on April 17. Miss Gilmore, who is a niece of Mrs. C. D. Lufkin, was until a few months ago a popular teacher in the Wailuku Public school, when she resigned to return to her home. Mr. Bailey, who for a number of years has been in charge of the hydrographic work of the government here on Maui, is also well known and popular in a large circle of friends. He will leave within a week or ten days for San Francisco. Following the ceremony the young people expect to spend the summer in the east, returning to the islands in the fall. It is probable that Mr. Bailey will be stationed on Oahu instead of Maui, upon his return.

BIG ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE.

Wednesday will be St. Patrick's Day in the morning, but in the evening the Maui Irish and near-Irish will dance. This year the St. Patrick's Day dance will be held in the Wailuku Gymnasium, and it promises to be fully equal to any of its predecessors, which is saying a good deal. For all the affairs on the local calendar this annual event is without doubt one of the most enjoyable. It is then that one may see people doing astonishing fancy steps, that are never to be seen on a dancing floor at any other time. Mrs. Weddick and Dan Carey are taking a leading part in arranging for this year's event. In order to cover the expenses gentlemen will be charged 50 cents admission, but the ladies are admitted free.

INJUNCTION CASE CONTINUED.

The injunction suit of the Iao Stables Company vs the Maui Agricultural Company, which was called in the Honolulu circuit on last Monday for hearing, was continued until April 9.

Want Direct Honolulu to Kahului Trip

Chamber of Commerce Would Have Claudine Leave Honolulu Late Monday Night, Cutting Out Tedious Stop at Lahaina.

To have the Inter-Island steamer Claudine make her trip from Honolulu direct to Kahului, instead of stopping at Lahaina for three or four hours of useless killing time, will be the object of efforts on the part of the Maui Chamber of Commerce. The matter was brought to the attention of the Chamber at its meeting held Thursday afternoon, by President Frank Baldwin, and was unanimously endorsed, after a general discussion. Mr. Baldwin stated that he had discussed the matter with L. Weinheimer, and had been agreeably surprised to have a ready acquiescence to the plan by this Lahaina gentleman. Aside from the mail, Lahaina gets really little benefit from having the Claudine stop on her up trip. No change will be urged for the Claudine in her down trips.

If the steamship company will inaugurate the service desired it was pointed out that it will be possible for business men of Maui to go down to Honolulu on Saturday evening, and to have a full business day in the city without any additional loss of time. This will be accomplished by having the sailing time from Honolulu set for perhaps ten o'clock Monday night instead of five o'clock as at present, the time of arrival at Kahului being about the same time as now. It was generally believed that the suggestion will be favorably received by the Company.

Choral Society is Organized

Under the direction of Harry Washburn Baldwin, a vocal music club has been organized, the object of which will be to develop chorus work in central Maui. The first meeting was held last evening at the Paia Community House, and much interest is manifested in the new movement. In all probability the production of a light opera will be undertaken before long, possibly the "Mikado" or one of like character.

Mr. Baldwin believes there is talent sufficient on Maui to produce a first-class choral society, that will be one of the best musical organizations in the Territory. Meetings will be held regularly every Friday evening at the Community House.

HOIKE AT MAKENA BIG SUCCESS.

There was a large attendance at the hoike last Sunday at the Makena church, Sunday school and church workers from all parts of the island attending. The meetings were addressed by Dr. P. B. Baker, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, by Rev. J. W. Wadman, of Honolulu, and by others. Eighteen members of the Waihee Sunday school were enabled to attend through the courtesy of Manager Penhallow, of the Wailuku Sugar Company, who donated the company's large auto truck for the trip.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

A Japanese tea and musicale is being arranged by the pupils and teachers of the Hamakapoko high school for next Saturday afternoon, March 20. The affair promises to be an exceptionally pleasant one. The proceeds are for making needed improvements in the school.

ELECTION RETURNS

ELECTION RETURNS WILL BE RECEIVED AND POSTED IN FRONT OF THE MAUI NEWS OFFICE THIS EVENING AS FAST AS REPORTED.

Politics Cause of Short Board Meeting

Various Petitions Granted and Police Appointments Confirmed—Lower Paia Gets Pipe Line—Lahaina Streets Ordered Staked.

The Board of Supervisors passed the payrolls and various claims for the month on Wednesday, and transacted other routine business and adjourned after midnight Wednesday night. This concentration of business was due to the strenuousness of the campaign.

A petition from residents of lower Paia for a water supply was, on motion of Dr. Raymond, seconded by Drummond, granted and the clerk authorized to purchase sufficient 1½" pipe to carry the line to Kuan, near the Catholic church.

A list of supplies needed for the Keokea and Halehaku schools, submitted by supervising principal A. L. Case, was ordered purchased.

The appointment of Kaheamoi as police officer for Huelo, was confirmed. The same action was taken on the appointment of Hinai to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lt. Wm. Kaluakini.

Resolutions from a mass meeting of Makawao citizens protesting against the proposal to move the court house of Makawao to Paia, was deferred to be taken up with other communications on same subject after May 15.

A request of the Hailu Farmers' Association that a flag staff be erected at the Kulaha school house, was granted.

The appointment of Antonio Tschelra as plantation officer of Lahaina, was confirmed.

The resignation of police officer L. H. Silva, of Wailuku, was accepted. The county engineer was instructed to stake out streets in Lahaina in accordance with the map made by S. E. Bishop in 1884, and then to report back to the board. The claim is made that certain streets, formerly open, are now closed and claimed as plantation property.

Alexander Lindsay, Jr., was employed by the board to draft bills for the legislative committee for this session of the legislature.

The supervisors this week authorized the replacing of two wooden bridges between Wailuku and Waikapu with concrete structures, the old wood on bridges being worn out past repair. The same action was taken regarding a bridge at Waiehu.

The county engineer was authorized to place ten 10,000-gallon tanks at the head of different laterals from the main Kula pipe line for the purpose of reducing the head on these supply lines, which at the present time is the cause of constant bursting of the pipes from the excessive pressure.

The engineer reported that investigation is in progress to determine the kind of material and class of construction best suited to the proposed Olinde reservoir.

The engineer also reported the completion of about 2000 feet of 3-inch pipe to tap a million gallon water hole above the Waikamoe reservoir on the Kula pipe.

Repairs and extension of the Wailuku water works system is being considered, as is also the matter of a reservoir in the sand hills to supply Kahului, and another pipe line for the Kahului service.

TO FINISH KIHAI WHARF.

It is probable that the board of harbor commissioners will begin very shortly the placing of necessary beams and the construction of an auto shed and some other necessary adjuncts to the new Kihai wharf. A. C. Wheeler, of the Public Works office, visited the landing this week and took the necessary data for the work. An effort will then be made to persuade the Inter-Island boats to make use of this landing instead of McGregors. The road is also being improved to the landing.

COURT NEXT WEEK.

The circuit court grand jury will meet next Wednesday, the 17th, for the regular March term. It is believed that it will be able to complete its work before the end of the week. The trial jurors recently drawn, are called to appear on the Monday following.

LIKELIHOOD GROWS OF BALKANS JOINING WAR

Week Marked By No Striking Event—United States Makes Demonstrations to Mexico, and Japan to China.

HONOLULU, March 12.—Sugar, \$94.30.

TOKIO, March 12.—Japanese army partially mobilized. 60,000 men under arms in army and navy ready for expedition unless China accepts every item of demands made by Japan. Army and navy activity conspicuous throughout empire.

LONDON, March 12.—Great Britain will not interfere with invasion of China by Japan. Has no objections to Japan's expansion.

PARIS, March 12.—The new cabinet of Portugal has been branded as illegal by minister Chagas, who resigned yesterday after four months' service.

PARIS, March 12.—Wholesale cremation is being carried out as preventative to epidemic after battles.

ATHENS, March 12.—Terror increases at Constantinople as big fleet keeps battering at forts. Greece has floated an \$8,000,000 war loan. Sofia informs Athens that favorite son of Sultan has been assassinated.

LONDON, March 12.—Great disaster to German submarines is reported. Twelve German sea-wasps sent out from Cuxhaven to raid British shipping, have failed to return. Eight are of latest type.

News bureau announces several important victories in Flanders. Teuton resistance unbroken. Kaiser so discouraged that blockade may be abandoned. Naval council called for today. Collier Beethoven reported sunk by torpedo, is safe at Avonmouth.

BERLIN, March 12.—Typhus fever epidemic in Serbia. Two American physicians died from disease.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Explanation of commander cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich regarding sinking of American ship W. T. Frye, hardly satisfied President. Administration wants more complete report. Warship in dock for repairs. Commander says he thought cargo was contraband.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Harry Thaw assumes entire responsibility for escape from Matteawan. Says he paid well for his assistance.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Great Britain has made inquiry of State Department as to reason of Mexico seizing British ship Wyzisbrook. No request made for action by United States. President declines to receive callers.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Information that four Spaniards were assassinated in Mexico City, and that burning of residences is in progress, was laid before Secretary Bryan. President received Carranza's note in reply to United States' protest against conditions in Mexico City. Situation regarded as encouraging, note indicating desire to carry out United States' wishes.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Berlin officially reports English aviators have thrown bombs at Menin. Only one successful.

English yesterday attacked German position at Neufchâpelle. Entered village in some places. English advance near Gizenchy repulsed. New Russian attempt to break through German lines south of Augustowo, finished in annihilation of Russian troops.

LONDON, March 11.—King signing order in council fixing provisions of Franco-British retaliatory war on German trade. Details not revealed.

LONDON, March 11.—Important series of successes won in hard fighting in Flanders. British attacks along extended front resulted in capture of mile and a half of German trenches. Victory partially admitted by Berlin. British took Reuvchâpelle and 1000 prisoners. British official observer describes Germans intensely brave.

PETROGRAD, March 11.—German forces regrouped for new attack on Praszysz. Troops taken along Neinen and Augustowo front. Military railroads affording Germans remarkable mobility.

HONOLULU, March 11.—House presented Representative Hudby an engraved silver cup.

Clothier Benn married second time, because of short divorce in Goldfield.

PARIS, March 11.—More forts razed in Dardanelles. Admiral Gueprete wounded in feet by shell from Turkish forts. Several Turkish shells hit battleships Surrern and Gaulos.

Germans are making one more effort to break through Russian line and army is advancing against fortresses in North Poland. Germans have returned along entire line of Polish front, although offensive against Ossometz is being kept up.

EL PASO, March 11.—Villa gives notice that intervention by any Power will reunite Mexico and whole country will have to be fought.

BERLIN, March 10.—Wilhelmsdorf voted issue potato tickets to residents same way bread tickets issued in other cities. Tickets allow 22 pounds spuds per capita weekly.

LONDON, March 10.—German submarine A12, sunk by British destroyer Ariel. Crew saved, but deprived privileges of ordinary prisoners because of attitude of Britain proclaimed towards submarine warfare.